

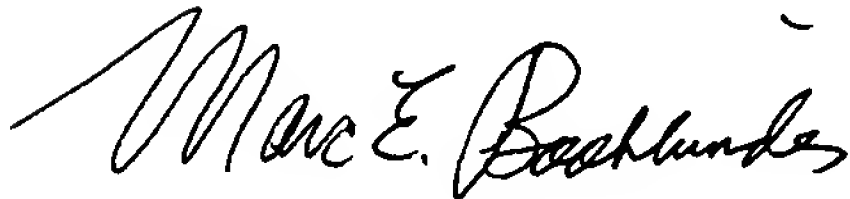
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To: Dale M. Shaw,
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Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences

Re: Application/Control Number 09/436,920

Subject: Order Returning Undocketed Appeal To Examiner

Although the Examiner's Answer, at page 4, middle of the page, indicates that claim 21 is missing from the initial statement of the rejection, the body of the rejection, at page 6, item 10 of the Examiner's Answer, indicates inclusion of claim 21 in the rejection as was done in the final action. Therefore, the omission only in the initial statement appears to represent merely an inadvertent omission and not that the rejection of claim 21 has been dropped.



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